



Practitioner's Docket No. U 012500-4

**ADDED PAGE TO COMBINED DECLARATION  
AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR SIGNATURE BY JOINT INVENTOR(S)  
ON BEHALF OF NONSIGNING INVENTOR(S) WHO REFUSE(S)  
TO SIGN OR CANNOT BE REACHED (37 CFR 1.47(a))**

*NOTE: Any available joint inventor can sign the declaration on behalf of one or more joint inventors who refuse to sign or cannot be reached. Use separate added page for each nonsigning inventor.*

I. I am an above named joint inventor and have signed this declaration on my own behalf and also sign this declaration under 37 CFR 1.47(a) on behalf of the nonsigning joint inventor, particulars for whom are:

Full name of (first, second, ect.) Salvador PUIG TORRES  
nonsigning inventor who

refuses to sign  
 cannot be found or reached

*NOTE: The name of the nonsigning inventor(s) should preferably also be filled in at the appropriate prior space in the declaration, adding the words "nonsigning inventor-completed on added page."*

Spain

*Country of Citizenship of nonsigning inventor*

Avenida Mare de Deu de Montserrat 12, 08024, Barcelona, Spain

*Last known address of nonsigning inventor*

*NOTE: Ordinarily, the last known address will be the last known residence of the nonsigning inventor(s). Other addresses at which the nonsigning inventor(s) may be reached should also be given. These can best be given in the Statement Of Facts in Support Of Filing On Behalf Of Nonsigning Inventor. MPEP § 409.03(e).*

II. Accompanying this declaration is:

- (1) A STATEMENT OF FACTS IN SUPPORT OF FILING ON BEHALF OF NONSIGNING INVENTOR
- (2) THE PETITION FEE OF \$130.00 (37 CFR 1.17(i)) was filed.

**WARNING:** "All the available joint inventors must

(i) make oath or declaration on their own behalf... and  
(ii) make oath or declaration on behalf of the nonsigning joint inventor as required by 37 CFR 1.64." MPEP 6th ed., rev. 1, Sept. 1991. See also 62 Fed. Reg. 53,131, 53,137 (Oct. 10, 1997).

Montserrat MONSALVATJE LLAGOSTERA

**(type or print name of joint inventor  
signing on behalf of nonsigning inventor)**

(X)

**Signature**

Martí BARTRA SANMARTÍ

(X)

Jaime TOMAS NAVARRO

(X)

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**ADDED PAGE TO COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF  
ATTORNEY FOR SIGNATURE BY FOURTH AND SUBSEQUENT INVENTORS**

Full name of fourth joint inventor, if any

Salvador  
(Given Name)

(Middle Initial or Name)

Juanjo

PUIG TORRES  
Family (Or Last Name)

Date (X) 08/11/00

Inventor's signature (X)

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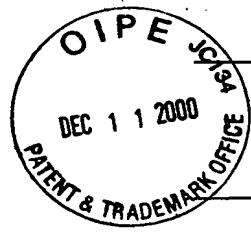
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Country of Citizenship Spain

Residence Barcelona, Spain

Post Office Address Avenida Mare de Deu de Montserrat 12, 08024, Barcelona, Spain

**COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**(ORIGINAL, DESIGN, NATIONAL STAGE OF PCT, SUPPLEMENTAL, DIVISIONAL,  
CONTINUATION, OR C-I-P)

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

**TYPE OF DECLARATION**

This declaration is of the following type:

(check one applicable item below)

original.  
 design.

**NOTE:** *With the exception of a supplemental oath or declaration submitted in a reissue, a supplemental oath or declaration is not treated as an amendment under 37 CFR 1.312 (Amendments after allowance). M.P.E.P. Section 714.16, 7<sup>th</sup> Ed.*

supplemental.

**NOTE:** *If the declaration is for an International Application being filed as a divisional, continuation or continuation-in-part application, do not check next item; check appropriate one of last three items.*

national stage of PCT.

**NOTE:** *If one of the following 3 items apply, then complete and also attach ADDED PAGES FOR DIVISIONAL, CONTINUATION OR C-I-P.*

**NOTE:** *See 37 C.F.R. Section 1.63(d) (continued prosecution application) for use of a prior nonprovisional application declaration in the continuation or divisional application being filed on behalf of the same or fewer of the inventors named in the prior application.*

divisional.  
 continuation.

**NOTE:** *Where an application discloses and claims subject matter not disclosed in the prior application, or a continuation or divisional application names an inventor not named in the prior application, a continuation-in-part application must be filed under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.53(b) (application filing requirements-nonprovisional application).*

continuation-in-part (C-I-P).

**INVENTORSHIP IDENTIFICATION**

**WARNING:** *If the inventors are each not the inventors of all the claims, an explanation of the facts, including the ownership of all the claims at the time the last claimed invention was made, should be submitted.*

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below, next to my name. I believe that I

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am the original, first and sole inventor (*if only one name is listed below*) or an original, first and joint inventor (*if plural names are listed below*) of the subject matter that is claimed, and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

### TITLE OF INVENTION

PROCESS FOR OBTAINING QUINAPRIL HYDROCHLORIDE AND SOLVATES USEFUL FOR THE ISOLATION AND PURIFICATION OF QUINAPRIL HYDROCHLORIDE

### SPECIFICATION IDENTIFICATION

The specification of which:

(complete (a), (b), or (c))

(a)  is attached hereto.

NOTE: "The following combinations of information supplied in an oath or declaration filed on the application filing date with a specification are acceptable as minimums for identifying a specification and compliance with any one of the items below will be accepted as complying with the identification requirement of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.63:

"(1) name of inventor(s), and reference to an attached specification which is both attached to the oath or declaration at the time of execution and submitted with the oath or declaration on filing;

"(2) name of inventor(s), and attorney docket number which was on the specification as filed; or

"(3) name of inventor(s), and title which was on the specification as filed."

Notice of July 13, 1995 (1177 O.G. 60).

(b)  was filed on \_\_\_\_\_,  as Application No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

NOTE: Amendments filed after the original papers are deposited with the PTO that contain new matter are not accorded a filing date by being referred to in the declaration. Accordingly, the amendments involved are those filed with the application papers or, in the case of a supplemental declaration, are those amendments claiming matter not encompassed in the original statement of invention or claims. See 37 C.F.R. Section 1.67.

NOTE: "The following combinations of information supplied in an oath or declaration filed after the filing date are acceptable as minimums for identifying a specification and compliance with any one of the items below will be accepted as complying with the identification requirement of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.63:

(A) application number (consisting of the series code and the serial number, e.g., 08/123,456);

(B) serial number and filing date;

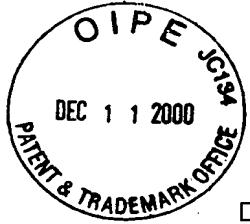
(C) attorney docket number which was on the specification as filed;

(D) title which was on the specification as filed and reference to an attached specification which is both attached to the oath or declaration at the time of execution and submitted with the oath or declaration; or

(E) title which was on the specification as filed and accompanied by a cover letter accurately identifying the application for which it was intended by either the application number (consisting of the series code and the serial number, e.g., 08/123,456), or serial number and filing date. Absent any statement(s) to the contrary, it will be presumed that the application filed in the PTO is the application which the inventor(s) executed by signing the oath or declaration.

M.P.E.P. Section 601.01(a), 7th ed.

(c)  was described and claimed in PCT International Application No. PCT/ES98/00145 filed on May 25, 1998 and as amended under PCT Article 19 on \_\_\_\_\_ (*if any*).



#### **SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION (37 C.F.R. Section 1.67(b))**

*(complete the following where a supplemental declaration is being submitted)*

I hereby declare that the subject matter of the

attached amendment  
 amendment filed on \_\_\_\_\_.

was part of my/our invention and was invented before the filing date of the original application, above identified, for such invention.

#### **ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF REVIEW OF PAPERS AND DUTY OF CANDOR**

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information, which is material to patentability as defined in 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56,

*(also check the following items, if desired)*

and which is material to the examination of this application, namely, information where there is a substantial likelihood that a reasonable Examiner would consider it important in deciding whether to allow the application to issue as a patent, and

in compliance with this duty, there is attached an information disclosure statement, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. Section 1.98.

## PRIORITY CLAIM (35 U.S.C. Section 119(a)-(d))

NOTE:

"The claim to priority need be in no special form and may be made by the attorney or agent if the foreign application is referred to in the oath or declaration as required by Section 1.63. The claim for priority and the certified copy of the foreign application specified in 35 U.S.C. Section 119(b) must be filed in the case of an interference (Section 1.630), when necessary to overcome the date of a reference relied upon by the examiner, when specifically required by the examiner, and in all other situations, before the patent is granted. If the claim for priority or the certified copy of the foreign application is filed after the date the issue fee is paid, it must be accompanied by a petition requesting entry and by the fee set forth in Section 1.17(i). If the certified copy is not in the English language, a translation need not be filed except in the case of interference; or when necessary to overcome the date of a reference relied upon by the examiner; or when specifically required by the examiner, in which event an English language translation must be filed together with a statement that the translation of the certified copy is accurate." 37 C.F.R. Section 1.55(a).

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I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119(a)-(d) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed.

(complete (d) or (e))

(d)  no such applications have been filed.  
(e)  such applications have been filed as follows.

NOTE: Where item (c) is entered above and the International Application which designated the U.S. itself claimed priority check item (e), enter the details below and make the priority claim.

### PRIOR FOREIGN/PCT APPLICATION(S) FILED WITHIN 12 MONTHS (6 MONTHS FOR DESIGN) PRIOR TO THIS APPLICATION AND ANY PRIORITY CLAIMS UNDER 35 U.S.C. SECTION 119(a)-(d)

COUNTRY (OR INDICATE IF PCT)	APPLICATION NUMBER	DATE OF FILING DAY, MONTH, YEAR	PRIORITY CLAIMED UNDER 35 USC 119
SPAIN	P 9701169	29 May 1997	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
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**CLAIM FOR BENEFIT OF PRIOR U.S. PROVISIONAL APPLICATION(S)**  
(35 U.S.C. Section 119(e))

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

**PROVISIONAL APPLICATION NUMBER**

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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**FILING DATE**

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**CLAIM FOR BENEFIT OF EARLIER U.S./PCT APPLICATION(S)  
UNDER 35 U.S.C. SECTION 120**

The claim for the benefit of any such applications are set forth in the attached ADDED PAGES TO COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR DIVISIONAL, CONTINUATION OR CONTINUATION-IN-PART (C-I-P) APPLICATION.

**ALL FOREIGN APPLICATION(S), IF ANY, FILED MORE THAN 12 MONTHS  
(6 MONTHS FOR DESIGN) PRIOR TO THIS U.S. APPLICATION**

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*NOTE: If the application filed more than 12 months from the filing date of this application is a PCT filing forming the basis for this application entering the United States as (1) the national stage, or (2) a continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part, then also complete ADDED PAGES TO COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR DIVISIONAL, CONTINUATION OR C-I-P APPLICATION for benefit of the prior U.S. or PCT application(s) under 35 U.S.C. Section 120.*

**POWER OF ATTORNEY**

I hereby appoint the following practitioner(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

*(list name and registration number)*

JOSEPH H. HANDELMAN, 26179

RICHARD P. BERG, 28145

JOHN RICHARDS, 31053

JULIAN H. COHEN, 20302

RICHARD J. STREIT, 25765

WILLIAM R. EVANS 25858

PETER D. GALLOWAY, 27885

JANET I. CORD, 33778

IAN C. BAILLIE, 24090

CLIFFORD J. MASS, 30086

THOMAS F. PETERSON, 24790

CYNTHIA R. MILLER, 34678

*(Check the following item, if applicable)*

I hereby appoint the practitioner(s) associated with the Customer Number provided below to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

Attached, as part of this declaration and power of attorney, is the authorization of the above-named practitioner(s) to accept and follow instructions from my representative(s).

**NOTE:** *"Special care should be taken in continuation or divisional applications to ensure that any change of correspondence address in a prior application is reflected in the continuation or divisional application. For example, where a copy of the oath or declaration from the prior application is submitted for a continuation or divisional application filed under 37 CFR 1.53(b) and the copy of the oath or declaration from the prior application designates an old correspondence address, the Office may not recognize, in the continuation or divisional application, the change of correspondence address made during the prosecution of the prior application. Applicant is required to identify the change of correspondence address in the continuation or divisional application to ensure that communications from the Office are mailed to the current correspondence address. 37 CFR 1.63(d)(4)." Section 601.03, M.P.E.P., 7th Ed.*

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SEND CORRESPONDENCE TO

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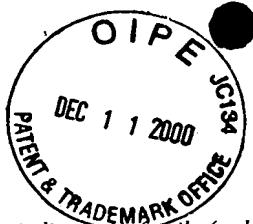
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*(complete the following if applicable)*

Since this filing is a [ ] continuation [ ] divisional there is attached hereto a Change of Correspondence Address so that there will be no question as to where the PTO should direct all correspondence.

#### **DECLARATION**

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.



### SIGNATURE(S)

**NOTE:** Carefully indicate the family (or last) name, as it should appear on the filing receipt and all other document.

**NOTE:** Each inventor must be identified by full name, including the family name, and at least one given name without abbreviation together with any other given name or initial, and by his/her residence, post office address and country of citizenship. 37 C.F.R. Section 1.63(a)(3).

**NOTE:** Inventors may execute separate declarations/oaths provided each declaration/oath sets forth all the inventors. Section 1.63(a)(3) requires that a declaration/oath, inter alia, identify each inventor and prohibits the execution of separate declarations/oaths which each sets forth only the name of the executing inventor. 62 Fed. Reg. 53,131, 53,142, October 10, 1997.

#### Full name of sole or first inventor

Montserrat  
*(Given Name)*

*(Middle Initial or Name)*

MONSALVATJE LLAGOSTERA  
*Family (Or Last Name)*

Inventor's signature (X)

Date (X) 8/11/00

Country of Citizenship Spain

Residence Barcelona, Spain

Post Office Address Avenida Mare de Deu de Montserrat 12, 08024, Barcelona, Spain

#### Full name of second joint inventor, if any

Marti  
*(Given Name)*

*(Middle Initial or Name)*

BARTRA SANMARTI  
*Family (Or Last Name)*

Inventor's signature (X)

Date (X) 08/11/00

Country of Citizenship Spain

Residence Barcelona, Spain

Post Office Address Avenida Mare de Deu de Montserrat 12, 08024, Barcelona, Spain

#### Full name of third joint inventor, if any

Jaime  
*(Given Name)*

*(Middle Initial or Name)*

TOMAS NAVARRO  
*Family (Or Last Name)*

Inventor's signature (X)

Date (X) 08/11/00

Country of Citizenship Spain

Residence Barcelona, Spain

Post Office Address Avenida Mare de Deu de Montserrat 12, 08024, Barcelona, Spain

*(check proper box(es) for any of the following added page(s)  
that form a part of this declaration)*

**Signature** for fourth and subsequent joint inventors. *Number of pages added* 1

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**Signature** by administrator(trix), executor(trix) or legal representative for deceased or incapacitated inventor. *Number of pages added* \_\_\_\_\_

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**Signature** for inventor who refuses to sign or cannot be reached by person authorized under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.47. *Number of pages added* 1

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Added page for **signature** by one joint inventor on behalf of deceased inventor(s) where legal representative cannot be appointed in time. (37 C.F.R. Section 1.47)

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Added pages to combined declaration and power of attorney for divisional, continuation, or continuation-in-part (C-I-P) application.

*Number of pages added* \_\_\_\_\_

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Authorization of practitioner(s) to accept and follow instructions from representative.

*(If no further pages form a part of this Declaration,  
then end this Declaration with this page and check the following item)*

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In re application of: Montserrat M. LLAGOSTERA, et al.

For: PROCESS FOR OBTAINING QUINAPRIL HYDROCHLORIDE AND SOLVATES  
USEFUL FOR ISOLATING AND PURIFYING QUINAPRIL HYDROCHLORIDELegal Staff  
International Office

the specification of which:

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- (a)  is attached hereto.
- (b)  was filed on \_\_\_\_\_, as Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).
- (c)  was described and claimed in International Application No. PCT/3S98/00145, filed on May 25, 1998 and as amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if any).

**STATEMENT OF FACTS IN SUPPORT OF FILING  
ON BEHALF OF NONSIGNING INVENTOR (37 CFR 1.47)**

*NOTE: This statement as to the pertinent facts concerning the refusal of the nonsigning inventor to join in the application or where the nonsigning inventor cannot be found or reached must accompany the declaration signed on behalf of the nonsigning inventor by a joint inventor or by a legal representative who shows a proprietary interest. Where the entity with a proprietary interest executes the declaration on behalf of the nonsigning inventor there must also be a showing that such action is necessary to preserve the rights of the parties or to prevent irreparable damage. 37 CFR 1.47(a) and (b).*

This statement is made as to the exact facts that are relied upon to establish the diligent effort made to secure the execution of the declaration by the nonsigning inventor for the above identified patent application before deposit thereof in the Patent and Trademark Office.

(check next item, if applicable)

- Because signing on behalf of the nonsigning inventor is by a person or entity showing a sufficient proprietary interest, this statement also recites facts as to why this action was necessary to preserve the rights of the parties or to prevent irreparable damage.

This statement is being made by the available person having first-hand knowledge of the facts recited therein.

*NOTE: The statement "must be signed, where at all possible, by a person having first-hand knowledge of the facts recited therein." MPEP § 409.03(d). If different persons have first-hand knowledge of different facts, then a declaration from each such person as to those facts he or she knows should be submitted separately.*

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**IDENTIFICATION OF PERSON MAKING THIS STATEMENT OF FACTS**

(X) SÒNIA VILELLA ARQUÉ

Name of person making statement

(X) C/ PI I MARGALL 71, 3<sup>er</sup> 2<sup>ma</sup> BARCELONA 08024, SPAIN

Address of person making statement

(X) \_\_\_\_\_



## LAST KNOWN ADDRESS OF THE NONSIGNING INVENTOR

*NOTE: The last known address of the nonsigning inventor must be stated so that the PTO can forward the notice of filing of the application to the nonsigning inventor at said address. (37 CFR 1.47).*

Salvador PUJIT TORRES

Full name of nonsigning inventor

Avenida Mare de Deu de Montserrat 12, 08024, Barcelona, Spain

Last known address of nonsigning inventor

*NOTE: Ordinarily, the last known address will be the last known address of the nonsigning inventor, but other addresses at which the nonsigning inventor may be reached should also be given in the space below. MPEP § 409.03(e).*



## PROOF OF NEED TO PREVENT IRREPARABLE DAMAGE OR PRESERVE THE RIGHTS OF THE PARTIES

**NOTE:** *This proof must be presented where the declaration is signed by a person with sufficient proprietary interest for the nonsigning inventor (37 CFR 1.47(b)), but is not a requirement when the person signing for the nonsigning inventor is a joint inventor. (37 CFR 1.47(a)).*

*A diligent effort to prepare the application and obtain the inventor's signature thereon must be made, even if the application is being filed to avoid a bar or to claim priority. MPEP § 409.03(g).*

*Irreparable damage may be established by showing that a filing date is necessary to (1) avoid a statutory bar that should identify the act of publication believed to constitute the bar or (2) make a claim for priority, which should identify the prior application(s) involved.*

*Preservation of the rights of the parties may be demonstrated by a showing that the nonsigning inventor may reasonably be expected to enter into competition with the person having a proprietary interest and signing on behalf of the nonsigning inventor or that a firm plan for commercialization of the subject matter of the application has been adopted. MPEP § 409.03(g).*

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then draw a line through this page of the form.)*

*(use Supplemental Page(s), if necessary)*

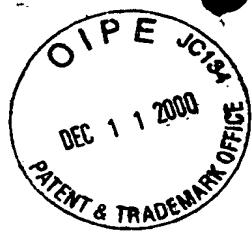


Date: (X) November 7, 2000

John J. Bell  
(X)  
~~Signature of person making statement~~

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Efforts during convention year :

Esteve Quimica S.A. filed a Spanish Patent Application on the invention entitled "Process for Obtaining Quinapryl Hydrochloride and Solvates Useful for Isolating and Purifying Quinapryl" on May 29, 1997, the application number given to this application is nº 9701169. The inventors named in this first application are Montserrat Llagostera Monsalvatge, Martí Barta Sanmartí, Jaime Tomás Navarro and Salvador Puig Torres. On May 25, 2000, a PCT Application was filed with the application number PCT/ES98/00145 claiming priority of said Spanish Patent Application and designating all Offices including USPTO.

Esteve Quimica S.A. decided to delay the preparation for filing the PCT Application PCT/ES98/00145 claiming priority of said Spanish application, in order to have more time to decide the commercial strategy and value of the invention.

In this particular PCT application, the inventors Montserrat Llagostera Monsalvatge, Martí Barta Sanmartí, Jaime Tomás Navarro and Salvador Puig Torres signed on May 20, 1998 the Power of Attorney for its representation before the European Patent Office.

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Efforts to reach the non-signing inventor.

On December 9, 1999, I, Sònia Vilella Arqué, an employee of Esteve Química, S.A. called Mr. Puig at his personal mobile telephone, after had been calling him at his personal mobile telephone since February 8, 1999. After a short telephone conversation, were I introduced myself, explaining him that I worked for the Intellectual Property Department of Esteve Química, I told him that we had received the assignment documents for entry into National Phase of the PCT/ES98/00145 Application in USA and Canada for the "Process for Obtaining Quinapryl Hydrochloride and Solvates Useful for Isolating and Purifying Quinapryl" invention, and that those documents had to be signed by him. He answered that I should send him the documents and that he would return them signed to Esteve Química, S.A.

That same day the Company's messenger delivered the Documents, including a copy of the application and its Declaration, at his home address at Avda. Icària, 149 2º 2<sup>a</sup> in Barcelona. His maid named Maria Eugenia Rodriguez received the envelope with the Documents. As Exhibit 1 find enclosed a copy of the letter that was sent to him with the signing instructions as well as the notifying document that was signed by Ms. Maria Eugenia Rodriguez certifying the reception of the documents.

After two weeks, I called him at the same telephone again because I had not received the signed Documents. He mysteriously lost the communication when he was starting to explain me why he hadn't signed the Documents. I believe that he intentionally cut the line. Just in case that he had lost the Documents, I told Sílvia Basart, another member of the Intellectual Property Department of Esteve Química, to send him back the Assignment documents with the signing instructions. Also, I told her to send the materials by official certified post with acknowledgement of receipt. She did so the 17 of January 2000 (Exhibit 2), on January 24, 2000 (Exhibit 3), on January 31 (Exhibit 4), on February 7 (Exhibit 5) and on February 14, 2000 (Exhibit 6).

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The letter and Documents sent on February 7, 2000 (Exhibit 5) were returned to sender, the other four letters were properly sent and received as it can be seen from the corresponding acknowledgements of receipt, Exhibits 2 and 3 signed by Salvador Puig Torres, and Exhibits 1, 4 and 6 signed by his maid Maria Eugenia Rodriguez

After the repeatedly failures in obtaining the documents, I have asked the Human Resources Director of Esteve Química to contact him to see if he can get the Documents signed. But, at this stage, I don't personally think that this is going to be possible, because Mr. Salvador Puig Torres simply does not want to sing the Assignment Documents.

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